

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

BLUM et al.

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FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR INSULATING ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent in the manner set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert

--This application is the National Phase of International Application PCT/EP00/07380 filed July 31, 2000, which designated the U.S. The PCT application is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for insulating electrical components comprising applying a coat of polymerizable casting and impregnating composition and/or lacquer in flowable form to the surface of the components and then curing it using high-energy radiation, wherein the high-energy radiation is near-infrared (NIR) radiation.